

All Nations Join in Safe and Sane Games

New York's July Fourth
Athletic Celebration
Record Breaker.

73-YEAR-OLD WINS
RUNNING EVENT

250,000 Witness Contests in
Various Parks of City—
Useful Prizes.

By A. G. CAVAGNARO.

Athletes of all nations joined in celebrating the Glorious Fourth in thrilling races and other sports in the many parks and pools throughout the greater city yesterday.

It was the fourth occasion of the safe and sane games under the auspices of the City of New York, and that this manner of observing the important day is proper was manifested in the large crowds that gathered to watch the competitions. It was estimated that more than 250,000 persons cheered the athletes. At many of the parks, particularly those situated on the East Side, tenement house windows and house-tops proved cool and advantageous places to watch the proceedings.

Not alone were the races confined to men and boys, but even mothers, fathers and daughters joined in the spirit of the occasion. All were prompt in going to the starting line. The record entry of athletes at the thirty-six parks throughout the four boroughs necessitated many trial heats; in some cases more than two hours were required to bring about the final heats. At Tompkins Square Park, Avenue A and Tenth Street, the entry list for the 40-yard dash, 88-pound class, numbered exactly 902 young future champions.

Yellow Athletes Prominent.

The Yellow Peril was dangerously prominent in the games held at Columbus Park, which is in Mulberry Street, adjacent to Chinatown, where one dozen Chinese and Japanese youths were on hand to match their skill with their white rivals, and they were successful in carrying away their share of the prizes.

Wing Lee, a little 110-pound boy, of Public School 23, showed the earmarks of a coming contender for athletic prestige, by winning two prizes. He captured the one-lap run, from a field of more than 300 competitors. After slowly leaving his mark, he rapidly sped by his opponents to win by a fair margin. Shortly before the finish he had been successful in surviving the final heat of the sixty-yard dash, in which he took second place, being defeated by a close margin.

Nom Lee, a mite of Chinese boy of 55 pounds, was fleet in the sixty-yard dash. He flashed to the front at the start, but after maintaining the lead to within a few yards of the tape, he was passed by a rival, to finish second. In the eight-pound shotput, Roy Ariko, a youth with a poundage of 180, made his first athletic effort by winning second place.

Record Breaking Crowds.

Record breaking crowds, smashing all former attendances, congregated at the different recreation grounds, Sewell and Park on East Broadway, accommodated 20,000 persons, which surrounded the track; Chelsea Park had 10,000; Hamilton, 15,000, and Tompkins Square Park, 12,000. McCarron, Betsy Head and New Lots parks, situated in Brooklyn, were estimated to have had more than 30,000 watching the events.

The performing of parades, working baskets and other appropriate prizes attracted many mothers and daughters to the track at Isham Park, which is located a short distance from Van Cortlandt Park. One of the feature races was 50-yard dash for men, and many aged men, finding the thrill of competition again, toed the mark.

To prove that the games were entirely won by his decision, Daniel W. Head, who is nearly seventy years old, of 552 West 16th Street, proved fleetier than many rivals, in breaking the tape a winner. In second place, inches behind, and rapidly overtaking him, was Tom J. McMahon, twenty-seven years old, with James Harris, forty-six years old, in third place. The race for the ladies caused much merriment.

Champions in Competition.

Pat McDonald and John J. Cahill, both holders of title in weight events, gave exhibitions of their prowess at the Witt Clinton Park. They sent the onlookers, who watched through the windows of the buildings, full of enthusiasm, as the 50-pound weight and 120-pound shot were tossed about.

Several other prominent men sought prizes elsewhere. Eddie Emane, the jumping-jack of the Bronx Church House, won the three standing jumps at Crotona Park, in the Bronx, with a spectacular effort of 33 feet 7 inches. Lee Kearney, director of the games, set a record for the morning, by running his efforts to oblige, when he completed twelve well filled events in the short time of one hour and five minutes.

George Brander, the Cornell and Irish-American athlete, tossed the 120-pound shot a fine distance in winning this contest at Hamilton Fish Park.

Five exhibition boxing bouts were held to entitle the Hamilton Fish Park, McCarron Park, in Greenpoint, furnished some good racing for the residents of that part of Brooklyn, while Brooklyn Athletic Field and Queensboro Park held events that found all amateur athletes displaying their prowess.

The summaries follow:

OBSTACLES BRIDGE PLAYGROUND.

Fourty-four dash (400 yards)—Won by John McDermott, third. Time, 60 seconds. Fourty-four dash (playground boys, 88-pound class)—Won by W. McNamee, third. Second, John M. O'Meara, third. Time, 60 seconds. Fourty-four dash (playground boys, 100-pound class)—Won by W. McNamee, third. Second, John M. O'Meara, third. Time, 60 seconds.

Fourty-eight dash (obstacles, 100 yards)—Won by John K. Keeler, third. Second, J. H. F. Leckhardt, third. John's Club, St. John's, third. Time, 62 seconds.

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Fifty-two dash (obstacles, 100 yards)—Won by G. Mundt, unattached; C. E. McNamee, third. Second, W. McNamee, third. Time, 62 seconds.

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